

# Issues for Adolescents in Accessing Prenatal Care and HIV testing; and Successful Outreach Efforts



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# Who Am I

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# Statistics



⌘ 1 Million Teenagers Become Pregnant

⌘ 70% Do Not Receive Adequate Prenatal  
Care

# Barriers To Adolescents Accessing Prenatal Care



⌘ They Don't Know They Are Pregnant

⌘ No Medical Insurance

⌘ No Reliable Transportation

⌘ Fear of Exposure

# How Outreach Has Helped



- ⌘ Approach Clients in Their Own Environment
- ⌘ Free Pregnancy Testing
- ⌘ Help Them Get Medicaid
- ⌘ Provide Them With Transportation
- ⌘ Extra Support
- ⌘ Incentives

# Barriers To Adolescents Accessing HIV Testing



⌘ Fear of Exposure

⌘ Fees Associated With Testing at Various  
Locations

# How Outreach Has Helped



- ⌘ Makes The Client Comfortable
- ⌘ Bring Test to Clients
- ⌘ Bring Results to Clients
- ⌘ No Blood
- ⌘ Free

# Outreach Worker Tips for working With Kids on the street



⌘ Reach Them in Their Own Environment

⌘ Help Meet Their Basic Needs

☑ Food

☑ Shower

☑ Rest

⌘ Dress Like Them



# Outreach Worker Tips for working With Kids on the street Cont..



- ⌘ Provide Them With The Services They Need

  - ☑ Non-Judgmentally

- ⌘ Find Out What They Know About HIV

- ⌘ Develop Their Prenatal Care Plan Together

- ⌘ Have Realistic Expectations and Praise Success

Thank You.

